

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2002**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 at 1:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President KD Benson, and Member Ruth E. Shedd; Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Auditor Robert A. Plantenga was absent.)

President Knochel called the meeting to order.

***GUEST PRESENTATION: Juvenile Justice Feasibility Study***

Commissioner Shedd introduced Bobbie Huskey, M.S.W. of Huskey & Associates, Inc. who is being considered to conduct a Juvenile Justice Feasibility Study for the County.

In a Power Point presentation, Mrs. Huskey reviewed the backgrounds of her personnel and their roles in planning a juvenile facility as well as their experience in Indiana. Specializing in Juvenile Justice Planning, Huskey & Associates, Inc. has worked in thirty (30) states and in over seventy (70) jurisdictions. Mrs. Huskey said they will determine what is good for us and what we can sell to our community.

The Feasibility Study will be data, principle, and policy driven.

Phase I: Determine type, size, and cost: 7 months

Based on:

- Youth population
- Juvenile crime trends
- Characteristics of youth in detention with risk and needs' profiles
- Indiana State Code and local rules
- Alternatives to detention/commitment analysis (profile)
- Intake and assessment management for pre-adjudicated youth
- Assess case handling process and strategies
- Analyze cost of in-county vs out-of-county placements
- Current and potential sources of funding
- Residential capacity with scenarios
- Types of beds – based mainly on local statistics
- Vision for next five (5) years (components and needs)

Phase II: 5 months

- Defining youth space needs
- Three month workshop schedule
- Written Operational Plan to the architect
- Maximum cost efficiencies for time sharing and facility sharing
- Staffing plan
- Implementation
  - \* Final costs – operation and construction
  - \* Construction schedule
  - \* Infrastructure at site
- Administrative structure
- Community Education Plan

Final written report: 13<sup>th</sup> month

Why choose Huskey?

- More hands on experience
- Indiana experience

- More than 4500 juvenile beds
- Track record in obtaining Federal funds

Huskey generally has approximately seven (7) on-going projects, but currently only four (4) so scheduling Tippecanoe County will not be a problem.

***ADJOURNMENT***

- Commissioner Benson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

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**ATTEST:**

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Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor